<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended)   A method for outputting audio-visual

signals on a client system, <u>said method comprising the steps of</u>

~~including~~:

selecting ~~(I)~~ a selected input from at least one local

5   input ~~(12,12',12",18)~~ and at least one network input ~~(11)~~;

if said network input ~~(11)~~ is selected as said selected

input~~:~~

~~——————~~, receiving ~~(II)~~ network signal data representing said

audio-visual signals at said network input;

10   outputting ~~(III)~~ at an output ~~(15)~~ said audio-visual

signals in a ~~for humans~~ human-perceptible form;

and if said local input ~~(12,12',12",18)~~ is selected as

said selected input~~:~~

~~——————~~, selecting ~~(IV)~~, from a local signal database, local

15   signal data representing said audio-visual signals;

outputting ~~(III)~~, at said output ~~(15)~~, said audio-visual

signals in a ~~for humans~~ human-perceptible form;

~~characterised~~ characterized in that,

said step of selecting ~~(I)~~ a selected input is performed in an

20   automated manner based on at least one predetermined criterion.

2. (Currently Amended)   ~~A~~ The method as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 1,
wherein at least one of said at least one predetermined criterion
is based on a property of said local signal data.

3. (Currently Amended)   ~~A~~ The method as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 2,
wherein if said local input is selected, said predetermined
criterion is based on a property of said audio-visual signals being
outputted.

4. (Currently Amended)   ~~A~~ The method as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 1,
wherein at least one of said at least one predetermined criterion
is based on a predetermined relation between a parameter related to
~~the~~ an amount of transmitted local signal data and a parameter
5   related to ~~the~~ an amount of transmitted network signal data.

5. (Currently Amended)   ~~A~~ The method as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 4,
wherein said predetermined relation is ~~the~~ a ratio of the amount of
transmitted local signal data and the amount of transmitted network
signal data.

6. (Currently Amended)   ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 1,
wherein at least one predetermined criterion is based on a
parameter related to the costs of said network signal data.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as is claimed in claim 4, wherein said selecting is performed based on said one of said at least one first predetermined criterion, based on a predetermined relation between a parameter related to the amount of transmitted local signal data and a parameter related to the amount of transmitted network signal data, and at least one second predetermined criterion based on a parameter related to the costs of said network signal data ~~is used and at least one second criterion~~, and wherein, irrespective of said first predetermined criterion, said local input ~~(12,12',12",18)~~ is selected as said selected input as soon as said at least one second predetermined criterion is satisfied.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein if said local input ~~(12,12',12",18)~~ is selected as said selected input, said method further comprises the steps of: ~~said~~

_____receiving of said network signal data ~~is performed~~ simultaneously; and

_____storing said network signal data ~~is stored~~ in a buffer memory means ~~(17)~~ as buffered data.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 8, wherein said method comprises:

performing a second step of selecting ~~(I)~~ a selected input is performed after said local input ~~(12,12',12",18)~~ is selected; and

if, in said second step of selecting ~~(I)~~, said network input ~~(11)~~ is selected as said selected input, using said buffered data ~~is used (IX)~~ for providing network signal data.

10. (Currently Amended)   ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said method further comprises the steps of:

receiving metadata simultaneously with said step of receiving network signal data ~~(II) a metadata reception step (XIII) of receiving metadata is performed,~~; and ~~said method further including a metadata output step (XIV) of~~

outputting said metadata in a ~~for humans~~ human-perceptible form.

11. (Currently Amended)   ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said metadata includes pricing data representing pricing and selling information relating to said audio-visual signals.

12. (Currently Amended)   ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

displaying said metadata ~~is displayed~~ on a visual output means.

13. (Currently Amended) A—The method as is—claimed in claim 1, wherein said network signal data is obtained from a server computer system (2,2',2")—which is communicatively connected to said network input—(11), and wherein said method is performed on a client

5 computer system.

14. (Currently Amended) A—The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said audio-visual signals are audio signals.

15. (Currently Amended) A client system for outputting audio-visual signals—including, said client system comprising:

_____at least one network input (11)—in use—communicatively connected to at least one server system—(2,2',2"), said server

5 system (2,2',2")—in use—transmitting network signal data representing said—audio-visual signals to said network input—(11);

_____a memory means (12,12',12")—provided with local signal data also representing said—audio-visual signals;

_____a switch device (13)—in a local mode—communicatively

10 connected with—having a first switch input contact (13')—coupled to said memory means (12,12',12")in a local mode, and in a network mode communicatively connected with—a further switch input contact (13")coupled to said at least one network input (11), said switch

device (13) having_in a network mode, and_ a switch output contact

15   (13''');_ and_

         an output device (15) communicatively connected_coupled to

said switch output contact (13'''), which_said output device(15) in

use outputs_ outputting said audio-visual signals in a for humans

human-_perceptible form;

20   characterised characterized_in that, said client system further_

comprises:_

         a control device_

said switch device (13) is arranged to be controlled by a control

device (14) for automatically switching said switch device (13)

25   between said local mode and said network mode_ depending on at least

one predetermined criterion.

16.   (Currently Amended)   A The_ client system as claimed in claim

15, wherein at least one of said at least one predetermined

criterion is based on a property of said local signal data.

17.   (Currently Amended)   A The_ client system as claimed in claim

16, wherein if said switch device (13) is in said local mode, said

predetermined criterion is based on a property of said audio-visual

signals being outputted.

18. (Currently Amended)   ~~A~~ The client system as claimed in claim 15, wherein at least one predetermined criterion is based on a predetermined relation between a parameter related to ~~the~~ an amount of transmitted local signal data and a parameter related to ~~the~~ an amount of transmitted network signal data.

19. (Currently Amended)   ~~A~~ The client system as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 18, wherein said predetermined relation is the ratio of the amount of transmitted local signal data and the amount of transmitted network signal data.

20. (Currently Amended)   ~~A~~ The client system as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 15, wherein at least one predetermined criterion is based on a parameter related to ~~the~~ costs of said network signal data.

21. (Currently Amended)   ~~A~~ The client system as ~~is~~ claimed in claim 18, wherein said control device controls the switch device depending on at least one first predetermined criterion based on ~~a~~ the predetermined relation between ~~a~~ the parameter related to the amount of transmitted local signal data and ~~a~~ the parameter related to the amount of transmitted network signal data, and at least one second predetermined criterion based on a parameter related to ~~the~~ costs of said network signal data ~~are valid,~~ and wherein said control device ~~(14) is arranged to switch~~ switches said switch

10 device (13) to said local input mode as soon as said at least one
    second predetermined criterion is satisfied, irrespective of said
    at least one first first predetermined criterion.

    22. (Currently Amended)   A The client system as is claimed in
    claim 15, wherein said network input (11) is connected to client
    system further comprises a buffer memory (17) coupled to said
    network input for storing network signal data as buffered data,
5   said buffer memory (17) having a buffer output connected to said
    switch device (13).

    23. (Currently Amended)   A The client system as is claimed in
    claim 15, wherein said client system further including comprises:
            a selection device (18) for selecting local signal data
    from said local signal database, said selection device (18) being
5   communicatively connected coupled to said local signal database
    (12,12',12") and to said switch device (13).

    24. (Currently Amended)   A The client system as is claimed in
    claim 15, wherein said client system further including comprises:
            a network selection device (16) for selecting one of a
    plurality of server systems (2,2',2"), said network selection
5   device being communicatively connected coupled to said at least one
    server system (2,2',2") and to said switch device (13).

25. (Currently Amended)   A The client system as is claimed in claims' 15, wherein said at least one server system (2,2',2") in use further transmits metadata, and said client system further includes comprises a metadata output device (15) communicatively

5   connectedcoupled to said network input (11).

26. (Currently Amended)   A The client system as is claimed in claim 2025, wherein said metadata represents pricing and selling information about said audio-visual signals.

27. (Currently Amended)   A The client system as is claimed in claim 25, wherein said metadata output device (15) is a visual display device.

28. (Currently Amended)   A computer program for running on a computer system, characterised characterized in that the computer program contains code portions for performing steps of a method as is claimed in claims 1 when running on a computer system.

29. (Currently Amended)   A data carrier containing data representing a the computer program as is claimed in claim 28.